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SUBJ: TRANS-WORLD AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT CORP - CONTRACT NO 8001 (IRAN-CALIFORNIA CORP -- ICC)

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- 1. RELIABLE SOURCE HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT REPORT IRANIAN PARTNERS IN IRAN-CALIFORNIA CORP HAVE TAKEN OVER EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF MANAGEMENT NOT RPT NOT TRUE. AT PRESENT, ACTIVITY BEING MANAGED BY HIGHLY COMPETENT, DEDICATED, AND HARDWORKING IRANIAN WHO OPERATES UNDER GUIDANCE AND DIRECTION OF ALL PARTNERS.
- 2. SAME SOURCE STATED COMPANY HAS HAD PROBLEMS FROM BEGINNING OF ITS ACTIVITIES IN IRAN, DUE PRIMARILY TO GROSS UNDER-CAPITALIZATION OF ENTERPRISE WHEN FORMED. WHEN ACTUAL OPERATIONS BEGAN, GREAT DEAL OF CAPITAL HAD TO BE EXPENDED TO DEVELOP ONE AREA OF LAND WHICH WAS FIRST TO BE IRRIGATED BUT WHICH PROVED TO HAVE WORST POSSIBLE TERRAIN AND SOIL CONDITIONS.
- 3. ADFI (AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT FUND OF IRAN) CONSIDERING LOAN TO COMPANY BUT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH RECOGNIZED "PRUDENT BANKING PRACTICE", IT DEMANDING THAT ALL PARTNERS ALSO INCREASE CAPITAL INPUTS TO COMPANY.
- 4. AT THIS POINT IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHETHER COMPANY WILL SURLIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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VIVE, BUT AT PRESENT IT DEFINITELY NOT ON VERGE OF LIQUIDATION.

DEPENDING ON AVAILABILITY ADDITIONAL FUNDS AND INCREASED
TECHNICAL PARTICIPATION BY AMERICAN PARTNERS, IT CAN BE
MADE TO PROSPER.
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